

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 116

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, Cogdill. Fire Safe Councils.

This measure would recognize that Fire Safe Councils serve as leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations and the vital services provided by Fire Safe Councils for the citizens of California.

WHEREAS, The California wildfires of 2007 have garnered broad public attention due to the severity of the damage and expanse of the areas consumed by those wildfires; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has a compelling interest in reducing the threats of wildfires, including threats to lives, property, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The state's increasing population and the threat of catastrophic wildfires will affect vast acres of private and public forests, wildland-urban interface, homes, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire has become a significant threat to the state's environmental health and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire threats present an increased challenge for efforts to reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, The California Fire Safe Council and other Fire Safe Councils play critical roles in mobilizing Californians to protect their homes, communities, and environment from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, All local Fire Safe Councils work to educate communities, provide wildfire safety planning, fire prevention, and educational programs throughout the state and remain a critical component of statewide fire protection efforts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes that the Fire Safe Councils serve as leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the vital services provided by the Fire Safe Councils for the citizens of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.